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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

ATTENTION: Executive for Inspections & Securit

SUBJECT: Report of Communist Employees in FBIB Cairo Bureau

1. Attached is copy of report received by M/A Cairo from M/A Switzerland concerning Communist affiliations of four members of the FBIB Mediterranean Bureau staff, as follows:

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Chief, Broadcast Information Section
Cruising Monitor
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Chief, Bulgarian Section

2. These four employees held similar positions in the British Ministry of Information's Cairo Monitoring Station before FBIB took over its functions and the bulk of its staff. They had passed British security checks, according to information from British sources. Further investigation by the American Embassy's Passport Control Officer when they became U. S. employees yielded no unfavorable reports.

3. occupy key positions, have performed their duties conscientiously and well and have been counted by the Bureau Chief among the most reliable and secure members of the staff. are responsible to forming with him one half of the staff section which develops data concerning available broadcasts and does the interception of shortwave broadcasts. The section's work has maintained a high order of accuracy.

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4. Separation of these employees before replacements are found would necessitate:

a. that coverage of Bulgarian broadcasts be discontinued, since is assisted at present only by one other employee, who it is believed would not remain on duty if were separated. FBIB would have to rely on overseas and press transmissions from Sofia intercepted at Caversham.

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b. that coverage of Yugoslav broadcasts be discontinued, since two Serbo-Croat linguists were recently separated on the recommendation of the American Embassy's Passport

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Central Office and this coverage assigned to [redacted] Partial coverage is available at Caversham. 25X1

2. that research for transmitter data and interception of shortwave broadcasts continue at low efficiency with the reduction of the section by one half.

3. It is doubtful that additional Yugoslav or Bulgarian linguists will be obtainable in Egypt. Recruiting for replacements will probably have to be done in the United States. Duties of the Broadcast Information Section require personnel with specialized aptitudes and extensive training. Local recruiting for these positions is possible, but new employees require six to twelve months for development.

4. Like all other FBIB alien employees, none of the personnel listed herein have access to information classified higher than restricted.

5. Guidance as to appropriate action is requested. It is suggested that the attached report may be the result of Arab-Jewish personal feud.

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